

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 7 without prejudice or disclaimer. Please amend claims 1-6 and 8-11

as follows:

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1. (Amended) An image processing method for carrying out image processing on digital image signals, which have been acquired with different kinds of digital cameras, the method comprising the steps of:

reading the digital image signals;

receiving camera kind information, which represents the different kinds of digital cameras;

recording condition information, which represents image processing conditions for the different kinds of digital cameras;

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selecting optimum image processing conditions from the condition information, in accordance with the camera kind information; and

carrying out image processing on the digital image signals under the selected optimum image processing conditions.

2. (Amended) A method as defined in claim 1 wherein statistical information of the digital image signals is calculated, and the image processing conditions are determined in accordance with said statistical information.

3. (Amended) A method as defined in claim 1 wherein the different kinds of digital cameras are displayed.

4. (Amended) A method as defined in claim 1 wherein the camera kind information is appended to the digital image signals.

5. (Amended) A method as defined in claim 1 wherein the camera kind information is inputted manually.

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6. (Amended) An image processing apparatus for carrying out image processing on digital image signals, which have been acquired with different kinds of digital cameras, the apparatus comprising:

input means for reading the digital image signals and receiving camera kind information, which represents the different kinds of digital cameras;

recording means for recording condition information, which represents image processing conditions for the different kinds of digital cameras;

selection means for selecting optimum image processing conditions from the condition information, in accordance with the camera kind information; and

image processing means for carrying out image processing on the digital image signals under the selected optimum image processing conditions.